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1. Poland

Two potentially important events will take place in Poland over the next two weeks. The proceedings of the Central Committee plenum on the 21st and 22nd will show whether Jaruzelski has been able to use the Popieluzsko murder to consolidate his position in the party by ousting some of his opponents. The trial of the three Popieluszko murderers, now scheduled to begin on the 17th, will give us some public indications of the quality of the regime investigation and, more important, Polish society's reactions to it.

2. Western Europe.

Although the NATO Ministerial gave public support to the US on arms control issues, there are troubling undercurrents--which include seemingly active French lobbying against the SDI.